

Indian Territory Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 15, 2014  
Nevada Indian Commission Office  
5500 Snyder Ave., Building #3  
Carson City, NV

Present: Sherry L. Rupert, Chairperson, Indian Territory and Executive Director, Nevada Indian Commission; Chris Ann Gibbons, Treasurer, Indian Territory and Program Officer I, Nevada Indian Commission; Bruce Rettig, President, Charter Advertising & Design; Michon Eben, Cultural Resources Manager, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Historic Preservation Office; Pat Atkinson, Folklife Program Coordinator, Nevada Arts Council; Greg Weyland, Business Operations Manager, Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California

- I. Welcome and Introductions
  - A. Sherry Rupert called the meeting to order at 10:05am and asked everyone to introduce themselves.
  
- II. Approval of December 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes
  - A. With no changes made, Greg Weyland motioned to approve the December 18, 2013 meeting minutes, seconded by Pat Atkinson. Motion carried.
  
- III. Comments by Chairperson
  - A. Sherry Rupert reported she is currently visiting Nevada tribes to discuss tribal tourism, economic development and is sharing information on the Nevada sesquicentennial (Nevada 150). Also, Sherry said she is handing out the save-the-date for the Nevada Tribal tourism Conference and the Indian Territory membership form. Sherry said her goal is to have a tourism representative from each tribe attend the Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference and have more participation from tribes at Indian Territory meetings.
  
- IV. Treasurer Report
  - A. Chris Ann Gibbons reported the Territory checking account has a current balance of \$12,132.02 and the Territory Administrative Grant has a current balance of \$3,617.41. Chris stated since the last meeting, the Territory has paid \$6,500.00 to Charter Advertising for the Indian Territory website revision.
  - B. Chris also reported the Territory submitted Nevada Commission on Tourism (NCOT) Projects Related to Tourism Grants for Indian Territory event infrastructure (tents, stage and picnic tables) and displays cases for the American Indian cultural exhibit at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport.
  
- V. Nevada Commission on Tourism Update - Christian Passink, Rural Programs Manager, Nevada Commission on Tourism
  - A. Sherry reported Christian Passink was unable to attend the meeting.
  
- VI. Indian Territory Projects

- A. Indian Territory brochure Revision: Bruce Rettig reported he is in the process of putting together a template for the new brochure. Sherry said she and Chris went through old brochure and will Bruce know what to keep and not keep for the new brochure. One suggestion is to separate Northern and Southern Paiute in the brochure.
- B. Indian Territory Website Upgrade: Bruce reported the Indian Territory website will be switched to a content management site and will be built in word press. The site will have a photo slider which can include text and animation and an interactive map of Nevada tribes. Sherry suggested the photo slider include colorful photos to attract attention. Pat Atkinson said the Nevada Arts Council has native images that could be included on the site. Photo suggestions for inclusion on the site included petroglyphs, powwow dancers, native artisans and Walker River.
- C. Indian Territory Logo Design: Bruce reported the new Indian Territory logo has been drafted and he shared three different designs with the Committee. The designs included a big horn sheep design, circular basket design and an interwoven basket design. Also, each logo had different fonts, sizes and looks to choose from. Pat said the interwoven basket design would look nice embroidered, would flexible to use and she suggested the colors chosen for the design stay natural (ex. black, red and brown). The Committee decided on the interwoven basket design and asked Bruce to present the logo in different fonts and colors at the next meeting.
- D. Indian Territory RFP Selection: Chris Gibbons said at the last meeting it was reported that the Committee received 14 proposals from photographers and three finalists were chosen for the project. Since the last meeting, the three finalists revised and re-submitted their proposals for the project. Chris announced after reviewing the proposals, Larry Burton has been chosen for the project and letters will be sent out to the other two finalists.
- E. 2014 Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference: Sherry reported Committee members will be meeting with the Washoe Tribe this afternoon to discuss the familiarization tour which may include the new museum at Donner Memorial State Park, Meeks Bay, a spear fishing demonstration at Taylor Creek and Cave Rock. Also, Sherry went through the draft agenda with the Committee, passed out the save-the-date and read through possible conference themes. Sherry said due to the Conference location, costs have increased which may increase the registration costs if sponsors are not secured. Pat suggested individuals apply for the Nevada Arts Council Professional Development grant to attend the Conference. The funds are awarded on a first come, first serve basis.
- F. Stewart Video: Chris reported she will send Bruce current Stewart photos including the Nevada Day Parade entry, historic Stewart “S” re-painting, Stewart Indian School Alumni Reception, National Historic Preservation Month events and photos of Stewart Alumni. Bruce added he will be filming Sherry Rupert after the meeting on the vision for Stewart.

## VII. Territory/Tribal Updates

- A. Chris reported the Nevada Indian Commission is working on preservation of the historic Stewart Indian School and has been meeting with potential partners on this project including the State Historic Preservation Office, Nevada State Museum and Nevada State Library and Archives. Also, the Commission has been meeting with the Governor's office and they are very supportive of the project. Lastly, as mentioned at the last meeting, the Commission is working on elevating Stewart to a National Landmark and a subcommittee has been formed to work on this project.
- B. Michon Eben from the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony reported that Sherry Rupert will be meeting with the tribe next week to discuss tribal tourism and economic development. Also, the tribe is putting together an RFQ for a fundraising strategist for their proposed cultural center.
- C. Greg Weyland from the Washoe Tribe reported members from Indian Territory will be meeting with the tribe this afternoon to discuss the tour of Washoe lands for the Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference. Also, the tribe is working on making improvements to the Meek's Bay website, facilities and the tribe is working with the US Forest Service on improvements to the bike path from Homewood to Meek's Bay.
- D. Pat Atkinson from the Nevada Arts Council reported March is the deadline for their Arts Learning Project Grant, Partners in Excellence Grant, Project Grant and Folklife Apprenticeship Grant. Also, Pat shared they are looking for exhibition space for their exhibit entitled "One is silver, the other is gold (Celebrating 25 years of Nevada Folklife Apprenticeships, 1988-2013. The exhibit has also been chosen as a Nevada Sesquicentennial program and exhibit.

VIII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- A. Update on Indian Territory Projects
- B. Review of Indian Territory By-Laws

IX. Meeting Date and Location of Next Indian Territory –Wednesday, February 19, 2014

- A. Sherry Rupert said the next Indian Territory Meeting will be held Wednesday February 19, 2014. Sherry said she will contact the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe to see if they would like to host the meeting.

X. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20pm.